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1. A meeting took place at the Soviet Legation in Cairo on 30 October 1948, which was attended by diplomatic representatives from the Legations of Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Hungary, and Poland. During this meeting the following decisions were made:

- a. To create a council of the diplomatic representatives of the member nations of the Cominform represented in Egypt. The purpose of this council will be to effect cooperation in the diplomatic actions taken by these countries. In operation, the council will pass on the diplomatic and commercial actions to be taken by any of the member states vis-a-vis the Egyptian Government.
- b. To coordinate the press, intelligence, and political and economic reporting services of the member nations.
- c. To create a political bureau which will be a branch of the Cominform in the Middle East. This bureau will collaborate with the diplomatic representatives of the member nations of the Cominform, located in Iraq, Lebanon, Syria, and Palestine. These representatives will report regularly on political, economic, and sociological information, as well as on the activities of Great Britain and the United States in these countries. Headquarters of the bureau will be at the Czechoslovak Legation in Cairo. An information bulletin will be issued bi-monthly by the bureau and will be distributed to the diplomatic representatives of all the member nations of the Cominform in the Middle East.

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